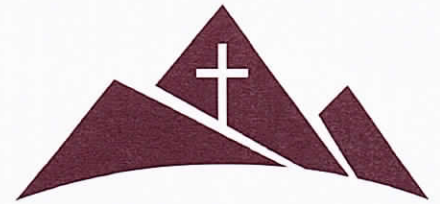


The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus, WI



more conversation or one more memory with them. Sometimes we feel alone because we just don't feel like there is anyone who understands our pain or our problems. At times we can feel all alone, even when surrounded by people, because it just seems like

no one really cares about us.

... when I am lonely

Shortly after we were married, my wife and I planned a trip to Spain. In order to take advantage of some frequent-flyer miles, I decided to travel there a few days early by myself. Being young and naïve, I figured I could learn enough Spanish on the plane to get by and then find a place to stay when I got there. The flight was pleasant and we landed safely. However, by the time I got my luggage and figured out how to take the Metro into central Madrid, it was already getting late. After several hours of wandering around the city, I began to realize that 1) my Spanish was unintelligible, 2) I was not in the safest part of town, 3) it was very difficult to find anyone who spoke English, and 4) I needed a place to sleep. Finally, at around one o'clock in the morning I found a hotel manager who spoke enough English to get me a room that was about the size of a closet.

Over the course of the next several days, I have never felt more alone. I could not carry on a conversation with anyone and struggled to even do simple things like order food. Because of the language and cultural barrier, I was a stranger in a strange place.

But it doesn't take traveling to a foreign country to feel alone. Sometimes we feel alone because we miss loved ones and just want to share one

It goes without saying that no one likes to feel lonely. The only thing worse than feeling lonely, is feeling lonely with the burden of shame or guilt. Thankfully, Jesus came to be with us. The truth is that each one of us deserved to be left alone, because each one of us has separated ourselves from a holy God by our sins. But

instead of leaving us alone, God himself drew near to us. So near, that he took all of our sin and guilt and shame upon himself. He gave his life on the cross to take it all away, so that we would never have to be alone.

Yes, there will be times that we feel all alone here on earth. But we don't have to. Our Savior who

died and rose from the dead promises, **"Surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."** He gave his life to make it happen and his Word to guarantee it forever.

We would love for you to hear more of this good news with us. Join us for worship or any events that you see on the calendar (page 2.)

February Calendar (page 2)

"Random Acts of Kindness Month" (page 3)

Worship with us!

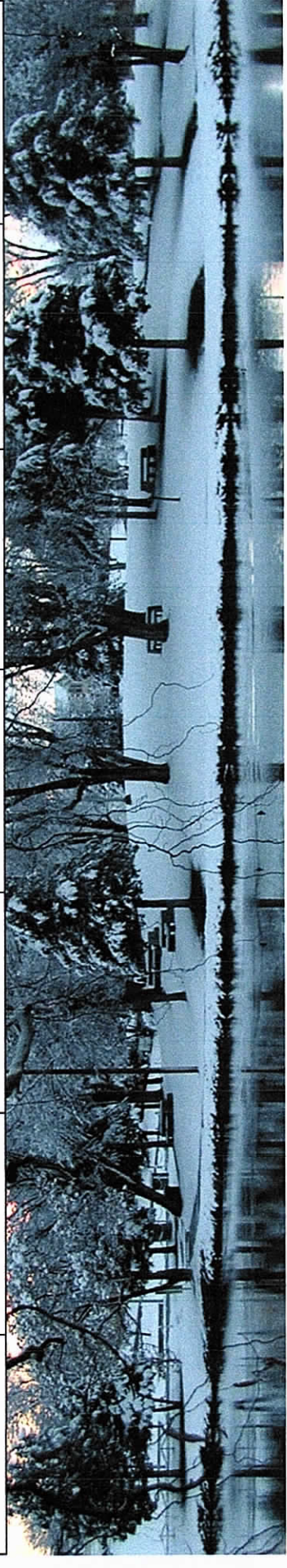
Sundays 8 & 10:30 am, Thursdays 6:30 pm



Zion Lutheran Church and School

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 3rd and 4th Field Trip to EAA 2:00 pm Ladies' Aid Meeting 6:15 pm *Get Fit Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 pm	2 BB Away at St. John's, Juneau Bible Breakfast 6:00 am	3 Girl's B-team Tournament at St. John's, Juneau
4 8:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 am *Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion	5 6:15 pm *Get Fit	6 7:00 am 1:30 pm Faculty Bible Study Zion Spelling Bee	7 4:00 pm Catechism	8 6:15 pm 6:30 pm *Get Fit Worship	9 6:00 am A-team BLAC Tournament Bible Breakfast	10 A-team BLAC Tournament
11 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am A-team BLAC Tournament Worship *Sunday School Worship	12 6:15 pm 6:30 pm *Get Fit *Board of Ed Meeting	13 7:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm Faculty Bible Study Catechism Stewardship Board	14 3:30 pm 3:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday Jr. Choir & Handchimes Ash Wednesday Council Meeting	15 *No School- Teachers' Conference	16 *No School- Teachers' Conference A-team Lakeside Tournament 6:00 am Bible Breakfast	17 A-team Lakeside Tournament
18 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am A-team Lakeside Tournament Worship *Sunday School Worship	19 6:15 pm Presidents' Day *Get Fit	20 7:00 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm Faculty Bible Study Catechism K4-K5 Open House	21 3:30 pm 3:30 pm 7:00 pm Lent Worship Grades 1st-4th Sing Lent Worship	22 6:15 pm *Get Fit	23 6:00 am Boy's A-team Ixonia Classic Bible Breakfast	24 Boy's A-team Ixonia Classic
25 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am Boy's A-team Ixonia Classic Worship with Holy Communion *Sunday School Worship with Holy Communion	26 6:15 pm *Get Fit	27 7:00 am 3:30 pm 4:00 pm Faculty Bible Study Faculty Meeting Catechism	28 3:30 pm 3:30 pm 7:00 pm Lent Worship Grades K4-K5 Sing Lent Worship			





RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

THIS MONTH AT ZION
MORE INFO IN OUR ENTRYWAY

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

During the month of February, Zion is encouraging ALL members young and old to consciously participate in random acts of kindness throughout our community. Watch the fellowship hall for information and ideas. Talk about the fun you have sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors in unique ways while eating at our Lent meals or greeting one another at services!

Testimonials from a few members here at Zion when asked "What is something thoughtful someone did for you that you really appreciated?"

- "Someone came and shoveled snow for me on a really cold day."
- "I was in line at a store with my screaming child and the person in front of me let me go ahead of him."
- "Someone stopped after I went in the ditch and gave me a ride into town."
- "The person that delivers my newspaper somehow found out what my favorite candy bar was, bought one and stuffed it in my newspaper for me!"
- "Three weeks after having a baby, my husband was in an accident. A family member took me and baby to all of our doctor appointments, several people made meals for us, and another person washed the pipeline in the barn for me which is a very BIG job!"

Here are just a few ideas to help get you started on showing your love for Jesus and your fellow neighbors and remember to get the kids involved too!

- Write your mailman a thank you note and put it in the mailbox (maybe even add a little gift?).
- Help someone load their car with groceries.
- Offer to walk your neighbor's dog or shovel their driveway or sidewalk.
- When in the drive-thru lane, pay for the person's meal behind you.
- Make treats for your Police Dept. and drop them off with a "Thank You" (could be done for Fire Dept/City of Columbus workers etc...).
- Volunteer your time at the Senior Center.
- If you are at a basketball game/tournament, help clean up or wipe tables in concessions area and thank the volunteers working the event.
- Put a \$5 bill in your Redbox rental when you are returning it with a note that says, "Enjoy some popcorn with your movie on us!"
- Donate to Zion's own Relief Committee/Food Pantry or Alpha Life Resource Center in Watertown.

There will be a bulletin board in our entryway with great ideas for you to get or to share more great ideas for sharing your love of Jesus with others!

21 RANDOM ACTS OF kindness

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Leave a nice note on someone's desk <input type="checkbox"/> Support someone's charity or campaign <input type="checkbox"/> Send your boss an email about a co-worker's hard work <input type="checkbox"/> Put a quarter in an expired meter <input type="checkbox"/> Babysit for free <input type="checkbox"/> Send a care package to a soldier <input type="checkbox"/> Help someone look for a job <input type="checkbox"/> Leave a copy of your favorite book on a bus or train with a note in it <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a fund raiser <input type="checkbox"/> Email an inspiring journalist or blogger <input type="checkbox"/> Donate your work clothes to someone in need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Teach someone how to cook a healthy meal <input type="checkbox"/> Make someone a gratitude journal they can write in <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at a local non-profit <input type="checkbox"/> Be a mentor for someone who needs it <input type="checkbox"/> Talk to a manager about a great waiter/waitress <input type="checkbox"/> Cook a meal for a family with a new baby <input type="checkbox"/> Run or walk for a cause <input type="checkbox"/> Bring coloring books and crayons to a family shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Make a video to cheer someone up <input type="checkbox"/> Read a book to someone
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Please contact Sarah Brey at 608-225-3182 for more information or to share your ideas.

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Zion Lutheran School has been a part of the Columbus Community for years, educating children since 1856. We offer:

- **Accredited Education for K4 – 8th Grade**
- **Safe, Christian Learning Environment**
- **Experienced teachers in small classrooms**
- **Competitive Athletic and Music programs**
- **Affordable Tuition**
- *To set up a family tour, ask questions or enroll, please call (920) 623-5180 or visit WWW.ZIONCOLUMBUS.ORG today!*



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Council Names and Numbers

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Jeff Krakow, Elders	920-210-2388
Nils Johansson, Outreach	608-239-5123
Jim Greiling, Property	920-623-2512
Otto Mattke, Stewardship	608-516-5279
Craig Lathrop, Family Ministry	Unlisted

Our Mission

The mission of Zion
Evangelical Lutheran Church
and School is to preach and
teach God's saving Word in
all its truth and purity.

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Thanks
be to God
for his
incredible
gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15

Greeter Schedule



February 4

8:00am — E2	10:30am — L13
Dave & Kathy Harle	Aaron & Rachel Larson

February 11

8:00am — E4	10:30am — L2
Delmar & Carol Vick	Laurie Kirchberg & Pat Premo

February 18

8:00am — E5	10:30am — L3
Emily Henning & Sylvia Stadler	Rick & Lisa Gentz

February 28

8:00am — E6	10:30am — L4
Jim & Jenny Greiling	Bernard & Genevieve Setz

If you are interested in being added as a greeter or need to be removed from the schedule, please contact Melody Krakow at (920) 210-6323.



Video Team Schedule

February 2018

4 Randy Koehn
 11 Phil Manteufel
 18 Mark Lindell
 25 Matt Greiling

USHERS



February 4 & February 11

8:00am - <u>Team E2</u>	10:30am - <u>Team L5</u>
Delmar Vick (C)	Phil Manteufel (C)
Dale Gajdosik	Peter Lewke
Randy Vick	John Cares
Kenneth Schulz	Paul Musser
Eric Turnquist	Brian Baney
Eliot Turnquist	Andy Tratar

February 14 , February 18 & February 21

7:00pm - February 14	10:30am - February 18
8:00am - February 18	7:00pm - February 21
<u>Team E3</u>	<u>Team L6</u>
Randy Koehn (C)	Otto Mattke (C)
Harold Schaefer	Paul Kehl (A)
Jadon Schwartz	Dennis Winter
Joe Grambsch	Carl Wolf
Ben Grambsch	William Mattke
Matt Yaroch	Nils Johansson
Nick Yaroch	

February 25, February 28 & March 4

8:00pm - February 25	10:30am - February 25
7:00pm - February 28	10:30am - March 4
<u>Team E4</u>	<u>Team L7</u>
Dale Sennhenn (C)	Roger Weiland (C)
Mark Lindell (A)	Bryce Weiland
Brian Sennhenn	Brett Weiland
Andrew Bussian	Peter Klokow
Remington Lindell	Randy Koehn
Brett Schraufnagel	

If you have any questions about the schedule, would like to be added as an usher or won't be able to serve any longer as an usher, please call Julie Doyle at (608) 846-5103.



December Church Attendance

Date	Total
3	398
6/10	403
13/17	498
24/25	1,227
31	293



Membership Changes

No changes reported.

Ministrations

Marriage:

3. Ashley Schultz and Bryan Vierck, 12/17/17.

Baptism:

18. Alayna Jean Borushko, daughter of Bryan and Kimberly Borushko. Born 8/15/17. Baptized 12/17/17.

Deaths:

19. Evelyn Wendt Born 12/23/1918. Died 12/15/2017.

Ladies Aid

Happy New Year! On Thursday, February 1st at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will gather for our first 2018 meeting. Along with our regular business meeting, the officers will update members on the progress of the Fellowship Hall window blinds project. Clara Sennhenn will be there to tell us how we can help the hospital. Hopefully the weather will be nice so many of you will be able to attend.



Ladies Aid

Messenger Deadline

Please submit your Messenger articles by **February 16th**. Contact Sue Henning at (608) 225-4853 or suehenning25@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Thrivent Hospital "Special" Dance

Thrivent will host its first ever Valentine/Prom Dance for special needs persons aged 14 years and older. It will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 1611 E. Main Street, Watertown, WI on Friday, February 9th from 6-9 pm. The theme will be "Night to Shine". If you have any questions, please visit the website at: southwisconsintmn@thrivent.com

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent member and have choice dollars to share, please remember to consider Zion Lutheran Church or School. In past years, generosity has been wonderful! Thrivent reminds members that mid-March is the current deadline making FEBRUARY a great month to show your love and give. To use these dollars, go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836, say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. If there is anything that you need help with, please contact Michelle Wolf at 623-0354.

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Financial Statement
December 2017**

	December 17	Estimated Monthly Budget	Fiscal Year to Date Jul - Dec 17	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Church Picnic Income	-		310.00	
Extra Synod Missions Income	30.00		305.00	
General Fund Offerings	62,527.89		335,236.76	
LLHS Building Income	25.00		453.00	
Other Donations	517.71		4,651.62	
Other Receipts	45.00		465.80	
Transferred from Undesignated	14,000.00		30,500.00	
WLCFS Income	20.00		581.00	
WLIM Income	5.00		335.00	
Total Income	77,170.60		372,838.18	
Expense				
ACH fee	31.40		63.10	
Apartment Rent	635.00	635.00	3,810.00	7,620.00
Called Workers Salaries & Taxes	27,952.15	28,229.75	167,518.75	338,757.00
Church Supplies	155.18	208.33	1,530.52	2,500.00
Convention/Cont' Education	-	66.67	430.00	800.00
Copier	-	283.33	1,699.85	3,400.00
Elders Board	-	29.17	-	350.00
Family Ministry Board	277.75	358.33	1,285.97	4,300.00
Guest Pastor	-	58.33	318.20	700.00
Health Insurance	7,807.00	7,150.00	42,730.00	85,800.00
HRA Savings	2,023.00	2,016.67	12,138.00	24,200.00
Custodial	1,043.66	1,225.00	5,622.93	14,700.00
LLHS Building Expense	25.00		622.00	
LLHS Expense	3,126.38	2,250.00	16,645.16	27,000.00
Maintenance	2,411.47	2,204.17	11,472.78	26,450.00
Meditations	-	125.00	711.00	1,500.00
Mileage	274.50	358.33	2,078.76	4,300.00
Miscellaneous	-	16.67	74.69	200.00
Organists	395.62	282.67	1,804.76	3,392.00
Outreach Board	15.00	291.67	316.14	3,500.00
Payroll Expenses	284.50	241.67	1,489.65	2,900.00
Pension Insurance	8,262.00	2,445.00	15,708.00	29,340.00
Postage and Delivery	114.15	116.67	642.28	1,400.00
Secretaries	2,150.12	2,033.33	14,403.25	24,400.00
Stewardship Board	541.96	391.67	3,800.56	4,700.00
Substitute Teaching	(263.42)		(335.09)	
Sunday School/VBS	1,562.18	233.33	2,448.82	2,800.00
Synod Mission Expense	6,282.78	4,666.67	34,090.41	56,000.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	250.83	258.33	1,503.24	3,100.00
Utilities	4,742.35	3,093.75	22,670.09	37,125.00
WLCFS Expense	20.00		774.00	
WLIM Expense	5.00		508.00	
Worker Comp/Liability Insurance	-	1,066.67	-	12,800.00
Worship	2,321.45	316.67	3,460.00	3,800.00
Total Expense	72,447.01	60,652.83	372,035.82	727,834.00

Zion Lutheran Church - Estate Funds Report

Report for the Month of:

December 2017

Previous Month Assets	\$265,697.52
Total Transactions	-\$10,402.22
Total Current Assets	\$255,295.30

New Church/School Total	\$174,658.84
checking/savings	

	----- Monthly Statements -----			
Accounts	Undesignated Checking	Undesignated Savings	NEW Church/School Fund Savings	NEW Church/School Checking
Previous Balance	\$644.55	\$67,922.94	\$170,937.80	\$717.77
Monthly Transactions*	(\$149.95)	(\$13,255.54)	\$2,939.49	\$63.78
Current Balance	\$494.60	\$54,667.40	\$173,877.29	\$781.55
Transactions	(\$150.00)	\$255.00	(\$5,425.00)	\$12,000.00
	Interest	12-14 Deposit to General Fund	12-1 American National Bank church loan	12-1 Transfer from Savings
	\$0.05	(\$2,000.00)	\$284.00	(\$9,812.50)
		12-15 Deposit	12-1 Deposit	Check # 2227
		\$335.00	(\$12,000.00)	(\$2,123.72)
		12-15 Transfer to General fund	12-1 Transfer to NCS checking	Check # 2228
		(\$6,000.00)	\$10,283.00	
		12-22 Deposit	12-4 Deposit	
		\$105.00	\$20.00	
		12-28 Transfer to General Fund	12-5 Deposit	
		(\$6,000.00)	\$10.00	
		Interest	12-8 Deposit	
		\$49.46	\$5,133.00	
			12-11 Deposit	
			\$150.00	
			12-13 Deposit	
			\$25.00	
			12-15 Deposit	
			\$30.00	
			12-18 Deposit	
			\$2,002.00	
			12-19 Deposit	
			\$4,620.00	
			12-22 Deposit	
			\$2,880.00	
			12-26 Deposit	
			12-26 American National Bank church loan	
			(\$5,425.00)	
			12-30 Deposit	
			\$200.00	
			Interest	
			\$152.49	
Monthly Transactions TOTAL	(\$149.95)	(\$13,255.54)	\$2,939.49	\$63.78
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	(\$10,402.22)			
Interest Received	\$202.00			

Notes:
 Check # 2227 was final payment for Acoustical Survey
 Check # 2228 was for Blinds for Ann St Parsonage